regular appointment subject to their work and conduct being found satisfactory.

**HIV Patients Respond Positively to Ayurveda**

2823. SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH:
SHRI BRAHMADEO ANAND PASWAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Indian Express dated June 19, 1993 stating that 'HIV patients respond positively to Ayurveda';

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take up this therapy for evaluation by researchers in Governmental institutes; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) On the suggestion of the Government, the Indian Council of Medical Reserach has constituted a Committee of Experts to examine the claims received from practitioners of different system of medicine, including Ayurveda. A protocol is being prepared to conduct clinical trial of relevant indigenous medicines for the treatment of HIV infection in a systematic and scientific manner.

**Urban Health Project in Delhi**

2824. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that a multi-crore Urban Health Project offered by the World Bank in 1987-88 for the capital could not be fully utilised by Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) No such project was opened by the World Bank for Delhi in 1987-88.

However, in 1992, a Rs. 35 crores Project to improve the health and family welfare status of 12.5 lakh unban slum dwellers of Delhi was negotiated with the World Bank and approved for implementation by Government during the current financial year.

**Water-borne diseases in Delhi**

2825. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a danger of water-borne diseases afflicting the people in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what preventive steps Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Though isolated cases of water-borne diseases have been reported from various parts of the city, there is no imminent threat of an outbreak of epidemic propositions.

(c) The remedial steps taken by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi to prevent any outbreak of water-borne diseases are:

1. Surveillance and monitoring.
2. Supply of safe drinking water.
3. Safe disposal of human excreta, garbage, refuse, etc.
4. Promotion of Oral Rehydration Therapy.
5. Strengthening of Health Education measures.

**Setting up of Low Cost Centers for Treatment of Burns in the Country**

2826. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up low-cost centres for treatment of burns in the cities and rural areas in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) There is no such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Setting up curative facilities in the cities

and rural areas is the responsibility of the states.

**Proposal for Construction of Health Centre in Raj Nagar, Palam Colony**

2827. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to construct a health centre in Raj Nagar Part-II, Palam Colony, New Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is the present position of construction work of health centre in Raj Nagar; and

(c) whether there is some inordinate delay and if so, the reasons thereof and by when the said work would be started?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c) The building of the Primary Health Centre, Palam Colony, is being suitably renovated for housing a CGHS Dispensary. The estimated cost involved is about Rs. 9 lakhs for which Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction has been issued and work is reported to be in progress.

**Gandhigram Institute of Rural Health and Family Welfare in Tamil Nadu**

2828. SHRI MD. SALIM : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Gandhigram Institute of Rural Health and Family Welfare, Anna District of Tamil Nadu was started as Pilot Health Project in Tamil Nadu in the year 1959 with Government Order No. 2655 dated 30th August, 1959;

(b) whether it is also a fact that after five years the pilot health project made as an Institute of Rural Health and Family Planning with the Government's order No. 290 Health dated 9th February, 1965 with 100 per cent Government of India's grant;

(c) if so, how the Government established Institute become registered voluntary organisation and when it has been registered and Government's action thereto;

(d) how and why again it has been registered as "TRUST" in; and

(e) the reasons for not implementing the recommendation of Government Study Team to save the public Institute in the year 1988?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) A Pilot Health Project at Gandhigram sanctioned by the Govt. of Tamil Nadu vide GO (MS) No. 2655 Health dated 30-8-58 started functioning w.e.f. 1st April, 1959 in the voluntary sector.

(b) and (c) The Pilot Health Project recommended the establishment of an Institute of Rural Health and Family Planning at Gandhigram with its recurring and non recurring costs to be met in full by the Ford Foundation. This was sanctioned accordingly by the Government of Tamil Nadu. Sanction was also accorded to the establishment of a Governing Council and an Action Committee.

(d) The Institute was converted into a "Trust" with effect from 15th October, 1980 without the prior permission of Govt. of Tamil Nadu.

(e) The recommendations of the Two Member Study Team have been examined and appropriate decisions taken.

**Controversy over the Admission Procedure for the MBBS and BDS Courses**

2829. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL :
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the controversy over the admission procedure between the Medical Core Admission Committee and the Delhi University faculty of Medical Sciences, affecting the admission of over 200 students who have been selected for the MBBS and BDS course; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the steps taken by the government to resolve the issue in the larger interests of the students?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) According to the Delhi University authorities there was a difference in the interpretation of the admission provisions. On the basis of a High Court order the admission are to be regulated according to the coun-